

December 4, 2012

To: Pastor David Blythe and the Bethel Temple Board of Directors
From: several Red Bluff AA members

Dear Sirs,

We are a group of recovering alcoholics who are extremely serious about maintaining our sobriety and continuing our personal growth in the 12-Step Recovery Program of Alcoholics Anonymous. We follow the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions started by Bill W. and Dr. Bob in 1935. The enclosed pamphlet, "The A.A. Group", should answer all questions you might have about our program; the preamble inside the front cover explains our mission.

We are interested in starting a new AA group at 10:00 a.m. Monday - Friday and would love to have a room within your church for this meeting. Most of us are currently attending a meeting at 9:00 a.m. weekdays, but that group is having problems. There is a conflict of interest that is interfering with our recovery. Our intention is to start a new weekday morning group that will positively enhance the growth that we are making and encourage recovery for all.

The current meetings are based on the discussion of AA literature; four days are from the Daily Reflections and one day is a Book Study of the "Big Book" of Alcoholics Anonymous. The new group will have to decide whether to keep that format or expand the base; meetings elsewhere are based on a variety of AA approved literature beyond the two mentioned, and some groups include a meditation meeting. Whatever specific format the new group chooses, all meetings will strictly follow the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, pgs. 41-43 in the enclosed pamphlet.

You will notice that according to Tradition 7 every AA group ought to be self-supporting, and we fully intend to be. We would be interested in negotiating a rent/donation that would be fair to both parties and will cover expenses, water, electricity, etc. We will furnish all of our own supplies.

The number of participants can only be estimated; currently we know of 10 - 12 who would attend this new meeting. However, attendance does vary from day to day, and if the meeting is positive and successful, the attendance could grow.

We hope that you will seriously consider providing the location for our new 10:00 weekday meeting. We gain tremendous support and encouragement from our interaction with each other and are working hard to help each other maintain our common goal of staying sober and helping other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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